

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

May 2, 2002

M I N U T E S

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. AUDIO-CASSETTE TAPES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG OFFICES.

The Southern California Association of Governments Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC) held its meeting at the Lake Arrowhead Retreat. Chair Ron Roberts called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. There was a quorum.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Public Comment by Dennis Zane representing the City of El Segundo: The Department of Transportation recently issued a call for comments in the *Federal Register* on nationwide airport demand management strategies. He urged TCC members and SCAG to direct staff to comment on DOT's proposals.

Hasan Ikhata stated that staff intends to review and follow-up on this issue. Comments are due in 60 days.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the balance of the consent calendar:

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 April 4, 2002 Meeting Minutes

3.2 Receive and File

3.2.1 Intergovernmental Review Report

3.2.3 SCAG Legislative Matrix 2001-2002 Session

3.2.3 TEA III Advocacy Efforts and Timeline

URGENCY ITEM

Chair Roberts called on Legal Counsel Colin Lennard regarding a closed session item.

Colin Lennard reported that in connection with El Toro Planning Authority vs. SCAG litigation, a recent communication with the plaintiff arrived after agenda posting, therefore a closed session is needed pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

It was MOVED (Lowe), SECONDED (Bates) and APPROVED to go into closed session.

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 AB 2333 (Nakano) SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan and County Compliance with the Aviation Element

Michael Murphy of Government Affairs updated the Committee on Assembly Bill 2333 which authorizes withholding interregional capital improvement funds from any urbanized county within SCAG's jurisdiction that does not comply with the RTP Aviation Element. The bill has been amended two times since the last TCC meeting.

April 16, 2002 amendments to the Bill remove punitive measures and create incentives for airports within the region to conform to SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan. At the Transportation Committee hearing, Assembly Member Nakano accepted Bill Amendments changing the operative date to 2004 commensurate with the next round of Caltrans interregional funds distribution and SCAG's next RTP update. Mr. Nakano also accepted an amendment that relieves the Southern California Regional Airport Authority of responsibility for determining consistency with SCAG's RTP. SCAG staff has conferred with Mr. Nakano and his staff on a number of other concerns with AB 2333. Staff recommends seeking amendments to the bill and to continue the dialog with Mr. Nakano's office.

Public Comment by Dennis Zane representing the city of El Segundo, sponsor of AB 2333.

Public Comment by Becky Ames, Chief of Staff for Assembly Member Nakano: she encouraged Committee members to support the bill.

It was MOVED, SECONDED, 6 OPPOSED, and APPROVED to seek amendments.

4.2 SB 1794 (Torlakson) Transportation Financing: Imposition of Use and Regulatory Fees

Michael Murphy, Government Affairs, reported that Senator Torlakson decided earlier this week not to pursue this legislation this year. Mayor Bates suggested the Committee authorize the President to sign a letter thanking Senator Torlakson for his work on this bill and urging him to continue his efforts in the future.

It was MOVED (Bates), SECONDED (Tyler), 1 OPPOSED and APPROVED to receive and file and send a thank you letter to Senator Torlakson.

4.3 Evaluate the Effect of the Passing of Measure W in Orange County

Rich Macias, Manager of Aviation and Environmental Planning, updated the Committee on Measure W, its possible impact on El Toro airport, and potential consequences for the Regional Transportation Plan and Environmental Impact Report.

Public Comment by Councilmember Kelly McDowell, City of El Segundo: urged the TCC and RC not to begin any process to revise the RTP.

Councilmember Richard Dixon asked Hasan Ikhrata to address RTP credibility on El Toro developments. Councilmember Dixon made additional comments regarding the Marine Base for non-aviation use and the RTP.

The following MOTION was MADE by Councilmember Dixon; “We conceptually approve amending the 2001 Regional Transportation Plan to remove El Toro Airport from the aviation plan, and we direct staff to prepare an analysis of the impacts of this amendment to the RTP.” Councilmember Cathryn DeYoung SECONDED the MOTION.

Mayor Tod Ridgeway, Councilmember Lou Bone, and Councilmember Al Leiga made comments opposing the motion. Councilmember Young commented on SCAG’s credibility and her supporting to amend the RTP. Jim Gosnell stated that the approach the Regional Council and SCAG decides to take dealing with this issue is equally important.

Chair Roberts called the question. There were 3 AYES and 24 NOES. The MOTION FAILED.

Councilmember Bernson MADE a MOTION to continue this item. SECONDED by Vice Mayor Robin Lowe. The Committee asked staff to keep members informed about further El Toro developments. Chair Roberts suggested that the item come back in 30 days. The MOTION was APPROVED.

4.4 Maglev Task Force Committee Report

Mayor Ron Bates, Maglev Task Force Chair, reported that the Maglev Task Force recommended deferring selection of an initial Maglev line at this time by an 8 to 4 vote at its March 27, 2002 meeting.

A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED, and APPROVED to receive and file the report.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Regional Transportation Agencies Coalition (RTAC)

Item continued.

5.2 Long Range Transportation Finance (LRTF) Task Force

Item continued.

5.3 Goods Movement Advisory Committee

Item continued.

5.4 Regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Task Force Meeting

Item continued.

5.5 Regional Transportation Agencies Coalition (RTAC) Meeting

No report was given.

6.0 CHAIR REPORT

There was no Chair Report.

7.0 STAFF REPORT

8.0 COMMENT PERIOD

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Ron Roberts adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m. The next Transportation and Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 2002 at Sheraton Universal Hotel.

Hasan Ikhrata, Manager

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members Present

Councilmember Ron Roberts, Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Lee Ann Garcia, Vice Chair

Councilmember Harry Baldwin
Councilmember George Bass
Mayor Ron Bates
Councilmember Hal Bernson
Councilmember Lou Bone
Councilmember Cathryn DeYoung
Councilmember Sarah Di Grandi
Councilmember Richard Dixon
Councilmember Gary J. George
Councilmember Peter Herzog
Councilmember Robert Hunter
Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Jacobs
Councilmember Al Leiga
Vice Mayor Robin Lowe
Supervisor Jon D. Mikels
Supervisor Judy Mikels
Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis
Mayor Pro Tem Bea Proo
Councilmember Jeffrey Reinhardt
Mayor Tod W. Ridgeway
Councilmember Karen Rosenthal
Mayor Pro Tem Janice Rudman
Councilmember Dick Stanford
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler, Jr.
Mayor Charles White

Voting Members Absent

Mayor Lauree Aragona
Mayor Bruce Barrows
Mayor George Cole
Mayor Tom Daly
Mayor Bill Davis
Councilmember John R. Fasana
Councilmember Bonnie Flickinger
Mayor Larry Grogan
Councilmember Tim Keenan
Councilmember Lawrence Kirkley
Mayor James C. Ledford, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tem Patsy Marshall
Councilmember Keith McCarthy
Councilmember Stacey Murphy
Councilmember Mark Nuaimi

Representing

City of Temecula, WRCOG Subregion
City of Grand Terrace

City of San Gabriel
City of Bell
City of Los Alamitos
City of Los Angeles
City of Tustin
City of Laguna Niguel
City of Cathedral, CVAG
City of Lake Forest
City of Redlands
City of Lake Forest, Orange County COG
City of Victorville
City of El Segundo
City of Claremont, San Gabriel Valley COG
City of Hemet, RCTC
County of San Bernardino
County of Ventura
City of Cathedral City, CVAG
City of Pico Rivera
Las Virgenes-Malibu-Conejo Subregion
City of Newport Beach
City of Claremont
City of Corona
City of Azusa
City of Pasadena
City of Moreno Valley, WRCOG Subregion

Representing

City of La Palma, Orange County COG
City of Cerritos
City of Bell, Gateway Cities COG
City of Anaheim, Orange County COG
City of Simi Valley, VCTC
City of Duarte, SGVCOG
City of Moreno Valley
City of El Centro, IVAG
City of Cypress, Orange County COG
City of Inglewood
City of Palmdale
City of Buena Park, Orange County COG
City of Downey
City of Burbank
City of Fontana, SANBAG CTC

Councilmember Pam O'Connor
Mayor Gary Ovitt
Vice Mayor Xochilt Ruvalcaba
Councilmember Kelly Seyarto
Supervisor Charles V. Smith
Mayor Pro Tem David A. Spence
Councilmember Tom Sykes
Councilmember Paul Talbot
Councilmember Robert Turner
Councilmember Linda Wilson

City of Santa Monica, Westside/Summit Subregion.
City of Ontario, SANBAG
City of South Gate, Gateway Cities COG
City of Murrieta, WRCOG Subregion
County of Orange County, OCTA
City of La Canada Flintridge, Arroyo Verdugo Cities
City of Walnut
City of Alhambra
City of Port Hueneme, Ventura COG
City of Manhattan Beach, South Bay Cities COG

Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Present

Jeff M. Davis for Rose Casey

Representing

Caltrans, Los Angeles

Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Absent

Board Member

Rotating Board Member

Representing

California, DOT

Air Resources Board

Transportation Commissions - Vacant

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority